

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A basketball goal system comprising:
 - a backboard including a top, a bottom and a front surface;
 - an elongated support that is sized and configured to position the backboard above a surface;
 - a backboard support assembly connecting the backboard to the elongated support; and
 - a goal support assembly including a rim and a support member, the support member being attached to the backboard support assembly at least substantially behind a plane that is generally aligned with the front surface of the backboard.

2. The basketball goal system as in Claim 1, further comprising a resistance mechanism connected to the goal support assembly and the elongated support.

3. The basketball goal system as in Claim 2, wherein the resistance mechanism is connected to a rear portion of the elongated support and the resistance mechanism is disposed behind the plane that is generally aligned with the front surface of the backboard.

4. The basketball goal system as in Claim 1, further comprising a resistance mechanism connected to the goal support assembly and the backboard support assembly.

5. The basketball goal system as in Claim 4, wherein the resistance mechanism is disposed behind the plane that is generally aligned with the front surface of the backboard.

6. The basketball goal system as in Claim 1, wherein the backboard support assembly includes two arms and each of the arms include an upper portion that is connected to the backboard and a lower portion that is connected to the goal support assembly.

7. The basketball goal system as in Claim 1, wherein the elongated support is connected to a portable basketball system.

8. The basketball goal system as in Claim 1, wherein the height of the backboard and rim is adjustable relative to a playing surface.

9. A basketball goal system comprising:

- a backboard;
- a support pole;
- a backboard support assembly connecting the backboard and the support pole, the backboard support assembly including an end that extends below a lower portion of the backboard;
- a goal support assembly including a rim and an elongated support member, the goal support assembly being connected to the end of the backboard support assembly that extends below a lower portion of the backboard; and
- a resistance mechanism connected to the elongated support member of the goal support assembly, the resistance mechanism being sized and configured to allow the goal support assembly to move when a force greater than a predetermined amount of force is applied to the rim.

10. The basketball goal system as in Claim 9, wherein the resistance mechanism is connected to the support pole and the resistance mechanism is disposed behind a plane that is generally aligned with a front surface of the backboard.

11. The basketball goal system as in Claim 9, wherein the resistance mechanism is connected to the backboard support assembly and the resistance mechanism is disposed behind a plane that is generally aligned with a front surface of the backboard.

12. A basketball goal system comprising:

- a backboard;
- a support that is sized and configured to position the backboard above a playing surface;
- a backboard support assembly that is sized and configured to connect the backboard to the support;
- a goal support assembly including a rim and an elongated member, the goal support assembly being connected to the backboard support assembly; and
- a resistance mechanism that is connected to the goal support assembly and sized and configured to allow the goal support assembly to move when a force greater than a predetermined amount is applied to the rim.

13. The basketball goal system as in Claim 12, the goal support assembly is attached to the backboard support assembly behind a plane that is generally aligned with the front surface of the backboard.

14. The basketball goal system as in Claim 12, wherein the resistance mechanism is connected to a rear portion of the elongated member of the goal support assembly and the resistance mechanism is disposed behind a plane that is generally aligned with the front surface of the backboard.

15. The basketball goal system as in Claim 12, wherein the resistance mechanism is connected to the backboard support assembly.

16. The basketball goal system as in Claim 12, wherein the resistance mechanism is connected to the support.

17. The basketball goal system as in Claim 12, wherein the backboard support assembly includes two arms and each of the arms include an upper portion that is connected to the backboard and a lower portion that is connected to the goal support assembly.

18. The basketball goal system as in Claim 12, wherein the support is connected to a portable basketball system.

19. The basketball goal system as in Claim 12, wherein the height of the backboard and rim is adjustable relative to a playing surface.

20. The basketball goal system as in Claim 12, further comprising a support structure that interconnects the support and the backboard support assembly.